



Title III Consortium

ELL Network

Minutes: October 7, 2009

9:00 Welcome

Essential Questions Discussion

- The group reviewed the top essential questions:
 - How can teachers in mainstream classrooms differentiate for ELLs?
 - What kind of support do we, as ELL teachers, need to provide to help support our mainstream teachers as they have English Language Learners in their classrooms?
 - What is our district data telling us about the progress of our ELLs and thus, the success of our instructional programs?
- Candace Hyatt of McREL present *Classroom Instruction that Works with ELLs*, a two-day workshop for mainstream teachers as well as ELL teachers and coordinators. This exceptional opportunity will occur on October 21-22 at ESU 6. All expenses are paid for ESU 6 Title III Consortium districts. See the flyer provided in the handouts for more information.
- Omaha Public Schools Fall Conference *21st Century Strategies for Language Learners* will occur on Saturday, October 17, 2009.
- Jen encouraged participants to study their district data regarding ELL students to determine which additional local, regional, or national training opportunities would be beneficial.
- Jen and participants shared several resources:
 - **Language for Learning:** The consortium now owns one *Language for Learning* kit for districts to preview the supplemental language program.
 - **Lexia:** Districts can purchase seats for *Lexia*, a supplemental practice program, through ESU 6.
 - **Kevin Feldman Listserve:** Go to <http://www.scoe.org/pub/htdocs/reading-language-about.html> to subscribe to this listserve from noted reading/RtI specialist Kevin Feldman.
 - **Delicious.com:** This social bookmarking too allows users to tag websites and share them others from any computer. For a list of sites that Jen has tagged go to www.delicious.com/jmadi/esu6ell. (It's free!)
 - **Various Books:** Jen reminded participants that the consortium owns several resources relating to instruction of ELLs, and that we can order others as requested.
 - **www.usalearns.org:** This is a free, online language building tool suggested by Crete participants.
 - **DISE (Direct Instruction of Spoken English):** This is a program through Sopris West that Crete has begun using with its older ELLs for language building.

Title III Updates

- Nancy Rowch and Terri Schuster of NDE provided updates regarding the ELDA administration for the spring of 2010. (See handout.) They also discussed the allowed accommodations and exemptions for the NeSA-R (state reading) assessment beginning this spring. They provided a handout that was a revised version of the one included in the SAA-4. (See handout.)

- Krista Kjelgaard briefly explained the LEP and Poverty Plans that districts can complete if they wish to receive additional funds via the state aid formula. This year, the plans are due October 10. For future reference, download the Resource Guide: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/povertyandlep/Poverty.html>.
- User licenses for Rosetta Stone Online, Version 3, a computer-based supplementary program for language learning, is available on a first-come, first-served basis to ESU 6 Title III Consortium districts. Please contact Jen Madison for details.
- We briefly discussed the ESU 6 Title III consortium and budget:
 - All 07-08 carryover was spent.
 - The 09-10 allotment for our consortium is \$26,509.
 - We have 14 district members: Beatrice, Diller-Odell, Fairbury, Meridian, Waverly, Norris, Auburn, Nebraska City, Lewiston, Dorchester, Wilber-Clatonia, Milford, Seward, York.
 - Districts represented were asked to review and sign a Program Description for the 2009-2010 consortium membership.
 - If you have questions regarding allowable expenses, please contact Jen Madison (jmadison@esu6.org or 402.761.3341).

Upcoming ELL Network Sessions: (9:00 am – 11:45 am)

- January 21, 2010
- April 20, 2010

11:45 Optional Lunch Discussion